legislative Houses in India should accord a cordial welcome to Sir Stafford and express its good wishes to him for the success of his mission. Sir Stafford has come to India on a very difficult and delicate mission. His sympathies towards India are well known. There is no doubt that he can be expected to deal with the Indian problem in the right spirit and in the proper prespective. I am sure that his great talents as a constitutional lawyer and his great experience as a diplomat would stand him in good stead in solving the difficult problem which he has undertaken to solve. Let us all wish that with his great abilities he will be able to bring about a settlement which will be satisfactory to India in general and Travancore in particular and hope that in solving the Indian problem he will remember the peculiar position of Travancore as a maritime State and as a State far ahead of other States.

The resolution was put and carried *nem con.*

ELECTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order, order. I have now to make an announcement. You will probably be aware that the Government have reconstituted the Economic Development Board on the lines recommended by the House. The reconstituted Board is to consist of fifteen members of whom ten are non-officials. The nomination of these non-officials will be made by Government in consultation with both the Houses of the Legislature, the Assembly selecting six and the Council selecting four members. The non-official members of this Assembly will meet under the presidency of one of the Panel of Chairmen on the 26th March 1942 after the business of the House is over, and select six members to the Board. The selection can be made not only from among the members of the House but also from such experts from outside as in the opinion of the House will strengthen the Board and give it the benefit of expert advice.

MESSAGES FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

SECRETARY: Sir, I beg to report that the following Messages have been received from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council :—

1. "Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 8th December 1941 agreed without any amendment to the following Bills which were passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 4th December 1941 :—

(1) The Travancore Fisheries Act (Amendment) Bill.
(2) The Travancore Police Act (Amendment) Bill.
(3) The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (Amendment) Bill.

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